

Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee's Operations, Oversight, and Credit Subcommittee, today called on the federal Farm Service Agency to consider making emergency grazing and haying options open to all Nebraska agricultural producers. Currently, producers in some Nebraska counties are authorized for access to Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres for purposes of supplementing available livestock feed options.

"Drought conditions are affecting our entire state," Fortenberry said. "Consistently high temperatures and little rain are rapidly drying up feed sources for livestock producers. In these extreme conditions, it's important to rapidly consider expanded options."

In a letter to Farm Service Agency Administrator Juan Garcia, Fortenberry wrote: "As conditions quickly deteriorate across central and eastern Nebraska, I am hopeful that Nebraska counties not yet eligible for CRP emergency usage will be promptly considered for authorization. It is my understanding that at this time, the environmental impact would be negligible."

Several Nebraska counties are currently approved for CRP Emergency Grazing and Haying. [Click here](#) to see a statewide map of approved counties.

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